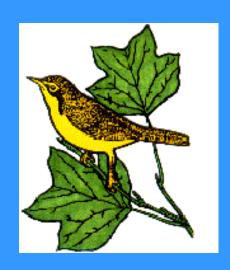
Kentucky Heritage Land



Conservation Fund

The Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund was established to provide funding for:

- 1. Natural areas that possess unique features such as habitat for rare and endangered species;
- 2. Areas important to migratory birds;
- 3. Areas that perform important natural functions that are subject to alteration or loss; and
- 4. Areas to be preserved in their natural state for public use, outdoor recreation and education.

Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board Members

- Director of Natural Resources
- Director of Fish & Wildlife Resources
- Director of State Parks
- Director of State Nature Preserves
- Environmental Education Council Representative
- Agricultural Organizations Representative

- Kentucky Academy of Science Representatives (2)
- League of Kentucky Sportsman Representative
- Kentucky Nature
 Conservancy Representative
- Environmental Organizations Representative
- Public Interest/Needs Representative

HLCF Funding Sources

- Un-mined Minerals Tax
- Environmental Fines
- Nature License Plates
- Interest Income



- 50 % for competitive grants by state and local governments and state colleges and universities
- 10 % Kentucky State Parks
- 10 % KY Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Resources
- 10% KY State Nature Preserves Commission
- 10% KY Division of Forestry
- 10 % Kentucky Wild Rivers Program

Fiscal Year 2002 Income

• Environmental Fines \$1,665,860

• Un-mined Minerals Tax \$1,116,766

• Nature License Plates \$650,810

• Interest Income \$657,827

TOTAL

\$4,091,263

Fiscal Year 2002 Purchases 12 projects in 10 counties totaling 2,127 acres

- Axe Lake Swamp 312 ac.
- Cove Springs Park 76 ac
- White Oak Creek 447 ac
- Croushorn Woods 77 ac. State Wild Rivers
- Crowe's Chase 306 ac. KY School for Blind

- KSNPC
- City of Frankfort
 - **KY** River Authority
- Lincoln Boyhood Home 225 ac. Larue County
- Ohio Co. Nature Park 115 ac. Ohio County
- Blue Licks State Park add. 338 ac. State Parks

Since 1995 nearly 20,000 acres in 41 counties have been acquired at a cost of \$18.6 million

4 projects >1000 acres

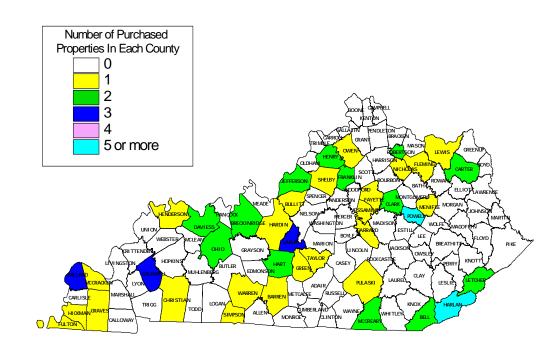
3 projects 500-999 ac.

31 projects 100 – 499 ac.

18 projects 10 – 99 ac.

5 projects < 10 ac.

KENTUCKY HERITAGE LAND CONSERVATION FUND Purchased as of June 30, 2003



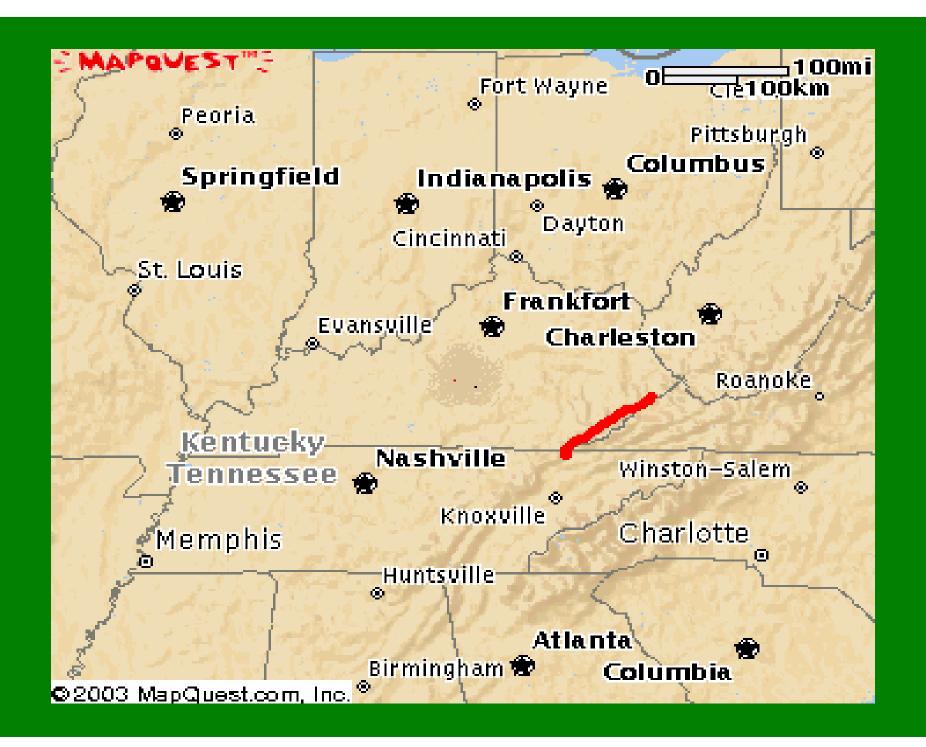
Other HLCF Project Requirements

- Applying agencies must request an additional 10% of the acquisition cost in their application for management. This can go toward preliminary management activities like site cleanup, biological and archaeological inventories, boundary markings, access control, etc...
- A preliminary resource management plan must be included with the original application.
- Agencies have 2 ½ years after acquisition to complete a final resource management plan and submit it to the HLCF Board for approval.



Pine Mountain is a continuos ridge which extends 125 miles from Breaks
Interstate Park on the KY/VA border to Jellico, TN. Elevations reach nearly 3000 feet.

Scientists recognize Pine Mountain as being one, if not the, most significant natural ecosystem in Kentucky. Impacts or disturbances throughout its range are minimal.



Proposed Pine Mountain Trail

- Will extend approximately 100 miles from Breaks Interstate Park to Pine Mountain State Resort Park.
- From Pine Mt. State Resort Park the trail will eventually extend 10 miles south to Cumberland Gap National Park.
- At Cumberland Gap it will connect with Tennessee's 280mile Cumberland Trail.
- In addition to the parks above, the trail will connect many special natural areas including Bad Branch SNP, Kingdom Come SP, Blanton Forest SNP, Jefferson National Forest.
- About 30% of proposed route on existing public land.
- Trail corridor boundary to be a minimum width of 250 feet.
- 30 miles of trail, beginning at Breaks Interstate Park to US 23 at Jenkins, KY currently open. First trail shelter built.
- From acquisition to final trail construction of entire length is estimated at 15 -20 years.